



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 5346

House of Representatives, April 2, 2014

The Committee on Labor and Public Employees reported through REP. TERCYAK of the 26th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) Not later than October 1, 2014,
2 the Labor Department, in collaboration with Workforce Investment
3 Boards within the state, shall conduct a study of programs offered to
4 individuals seeking employment within the state. The topics of such
5 study shall include, but not be limited to:
 - 6 (1) The location, ownership and management of Workforce
7 Investment Board offices within the state;
 - 8 (2) The number of employees dedicated to assisting individuals
9 seeking employment in each Workforce Investment Board office;
 - 10 (3) The number of individuals seeking employment who are served
11 through each Workforce Investment Board office on an annual basis;
 - 12 (4) The number of employers, classified by industry, that utilize

13 Workforce Investment Boards throughout the state;

14 (5) The number of individuals who successfully find employment
15 through Workforce Investment Boards, and the nature of that
16 employment, classified by industry;

17 (6) The number of individuals who had successfully found
18 employment, and then lost that employment, who re-enroll in
19 Workforce Investment Board's programs;

20 (7) The type of training programs offered by each Workforce
21 Investment Board and the frequency that such training is offered;

22 (8) Whether training programs offered by individual Workforce
23 Investment Boards are planned in conjunction with the department to
24 maximize efficiency and avoid duplication of resources;

25 (9) The type and quality of casework assumed by each Workforce
26 Investment Board, including the process by which individuals seeking
27 employment are documented and the number of such individuals who
28 are served through each office;

29 (10) Whether an individual seeking employment can simultaneously
30 participate in a state-operated employment program through the
31 department and a Workforce Investment Board program; and

32 (11) The methods by which the department and Workforce
33 Investment Boards coordinate employment programs in each region of
34 the state.

35 (b) Not later than January 1, 2015, the department shall submit, in
36 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
37 a report to the General Assembly detailing the findings of the study
38 conducted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2014	New section
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LAB *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Labor (DOL) to study programs offered to individuals seeking employment in Connecticut and submit a report of the findings to the General Assembly. DOL has the expertise and resources available to develop the plan without requiring additional staffing or outside expertise.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

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